



Tuesday, November 5, 2019

I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **CEF's forum on Education in the 2020 Presidential race** – Thanks to all who attended and helped publicize CEF's forum on Education in the 2020 Presidential Race that was held at the Newseum yesterday morning. The panelists – *Education Week's* Evie Blad and Andrew Ujifusa, and *Politico Pro's* Michael Stratford -- were insightful and knowledgeable about the key education and funding issues getting covered this election cycle, and noted some interesting comparisons with how the environment for education issues has changed since 2016. The event also provided a networking opportunity for CEF members and Hill education staffers.
 - **Video of the panel discussion** – We livestreamed the event on CEF's Twitter (@edfunding), and you can [watch the recording posted there](#).
 - **Press about the event** – Politico's [Morning Education](#) publicized the event and the live stream. They also included a quote from CEF in an article about fiscal year 2020 education appropriations:

“The immediate challenge is for the House and Senate to agree to provide an increase for the fiscal year 2020 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill that will allow for a significant increase for education investments,” CEF Executive Director Sheryl Cohen said in a statement. “The bill includes 30 percent of all non-defense funding, so CEF is asking that the bill get at least 30 percent of the \$27 billion increase that Congress already approved for that category.”
- **FY 2020 appropriations progress is stalled** – On October 31, the Senate passed its first fiscal year (FY) 2020 appropriations package, [amending H.R. 3055](#) with its versions of the government funding bills for the Agriculture, Commerce-Justice-Science, Interior and Environment, and Transportation-
HUD bills. However, the Senate failed to garner the necessary support to start debating a second package that would have contained the Defense, Energy and Water, Labor-HHS-Education, and State-Foreign Operations bills. There has been seemingly no progress on resolving outstanding issues that have stalled progress, namely:

- Democrats object to the Administration’s transfer of FY 2019 military construction money to build a southern border wall;
- Democrats do not want to move forward on the Labor-HHS-Education bill until its allocation is revised; the current Senate allocation is virtually a freeze at the FY 2019 level, even though Congress enacted an overall \$27 billion increase in non-defense discretionary funding for FY 2020; and
- Republicans object to abortion-related amendments that Democrats planned to offer, saying they violate an agreement to avoid “poison pill” policy riders.

Meanwhile, the House is not in session this week and government funding expires on November 21. Appropriations leaders are discussing how long a second extension of funding should last, and we’re hearing possible dates of mid-late December, January, or February.

- **Due Friday! Nominations to run for CEF’s 2020 Board are due by November 8** – Next month CEF members will elect 7 members to the 2020 Board of Directors: three officers who will serve a one-year term and four other Board members who will serve two-year terms. The new president will appoint two additional members. I encourage all who are interested in playing an active role in CEF to consider submitting a nomination for a position on the Board. The attached memo describes the process for nominations and the election and includes a nomination form (also attached separately in Word). Nominations are due by this Friday, November 8, and the full CEF membership will hold its election during the annual meeting on December 13. If you have any questions, please reach out to the CEF staff.
- **CEF job board** – The member area of [CEF’s website](#) has a job board that lists openings at our member organizations, including the following new ones listed below. If you do not have a password to access this section of the website, you can fill out the request on the website and will be granted access if we can recognize your email address. In addition to the job board, this restricted part of the website has previous CEF Updates, an electronic version of the FY 2020 budget book, the current CEF directory, and our calendar.
 - **Afterschool Alliance** – [Project Associate](#)
 - **Advance CTE** – [Digital Media Associate](#) and [Policy Associate](#)

II. Events

- **LPI briefing on Separate and Unequal: How School Diversity Matters for Educational Opportunity and Attainment on November 14** – LPI and several other organizations are hosting a breakfast briefing to share research on how school segregation affects student achievement, how desegregation benefits all students, and which policies best support school integration. The briefing is on Thursday, November 14, from 9:00-10:30am in the Kennedy Caucus Room in the Russell Senate Office Building. Information on speakers and registration is [here](#).
- **NAFIS Holiday Kickoff Party on November 14** – CEF member the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) invites the education community to a holiday kickoff party on Thursday, November 14 from 4-7 p.m. in the NAFIS offices at 400 North Capitol St. NW, Suite 290. Please RSVP [here](#).

- **CEF's schedule for the rest of the year –**
 - **Friday, November 8** – No CEF meeting. Reminder that Board nominations are due by COB.
 - **Friday, November 15** – 9-11 a.m. at AACTE (1307 New York Ave, NW). Guest speaker: Bryce McKibben, Senate HELP Committee Democratic staff.
 - **Friday, November 22** – 9-11 a.m. at AFSCME (1625 L Street, NW, Board Room). Guest speaker: TBD.
 - **Friday, November 29** – No CEF meeting during congressional recess.
 - **Friday, December 6** – 9-11 a.m. at NEA (1201 16th St, NW, News Conference Room). Guest speaker: TBD.
 - **Monday, December 9**, Capitol Hill briefing, “The Importance of Education Investments to the Economy and National Security,” 3:30-5:00pm (room TBD). Details coming soon – this had been tentatively scheduled for November 19 but the date shifted).
 - **Friday, December 13** – 9-11:30am, CEF's annual meeting and elections at University of California (1608 Rhode Island Ave, NW, auditorium). Attendance is important for elections and preview of CEF's 2020 plans. We'll have a hot breakfast and special guest speakers!